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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22  
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A RESOLUTION to direct a joint study relative to the issuance of a lifetime sportsman license by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

WHEREAS, several states contiguous to Tennessee, including Alabama and North Carolina, presently offer residents the opportunity to purchase a lifetime sportsman license, which is valid as long as the licensee lives; and

WHEREAS, the fees imposed on the issuance of such lifetime sportsman licenses are based upon a sliding scale that varies depending upon the age of the licensee; and

WHEREAS, under present Tennessee law, sportsman licenses, which are valid for hunting, trapping and sport fishing without the necessity of any supplemental license, are issued and renewed on an annual basis by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a lifetime sportsman license by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency could present residents with a more efficient and convenient alternative to the annual purchase or renewal of such license; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a lifetime sportsman license is a proposal that should be carefully studied and examined by concerned entities of state government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Comptroller of the Treasury, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

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and Fiscal Review Committee are hereby directed to jointly conduct a comprehensive study to determine the fiscal viability and overall feasibility of the issuance of a lifetime sportsman license, which would be valid for the duration of the licensee's life, by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any proposal to issue a lifetime sportsman license should ensure that such license would be valid for the same purposes as the present sportsman license, and that its issuance would offer a more efficient and convenient alternative to the present license for Tennessee sportsmen. Any such proposal should also ensure that the fees imposed for such license would enable the TWRA to continue to operate on a fiscally sound basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide research and staff assistance to this study upon the request of any one of the entities conducting the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Comptroller of the Treasury, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Fiscal Review Committee shall jointly report their findings, including any proposed legislation to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and to the Chairman and the Executive Director of the Fiscal Review Committee.